

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A built-in ashtray for a motor vehicle has a housing which has a guide by means of which an ashtray is displaceably in a drawer-type manner disposed in the housing. The ashtray also has a holder for a cigarette lighter which is mounted on the ashtray so that it can be moved into an operative position projecting upward from the ashtray. The built-in ashtray is equipped with a driving device which moves the holder during the displacement of the ashtray out of the housing into the operative position upward and, during the displacement into the housing, in a downward manner. Furthermore, a spring is arranged between the housing and a rearward area of the ashtray, which spring changes the ashtray after the release of a locking from a moved-in closed position into a moved-out operative position. So that, in the case of a built-in ashtray, when the cigarette lighter is fitted into the swiveled-up holder, without any special locking mechanism for the holder, an automatic sliding of the ashtray into its closed position is avoided, it is provided that the spring has a progressive characteristic spring curve such that the spring force, which acts upon the ashtray in its moved-out operative position (B) and presses the ashtray toward the outside, is greater than the oppositely directed force component of the operating force acting in the plane of the spring force during the inserting or operating of the cigarette lighter.